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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NORTH ATLANTIC FARES

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1. WE DISCUSSED NORTH ATLANTIC AIR FARES WITH DEPT. OF TRADE (KEMMIS). UK CONSIDERS MOST SATISFACTORY, SHORT TERM SOLUTION TO FARE DISPUTE WOULD BE DECISION BY US COURTS REQUESTED BY AIR CARRIERS THAT 1976 SHOULDER FARES SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN EFFECT UNTIL THERE IS AGREEMENT ON NEW FARE LEVELS. KEMMIS SAID THIS WOULD ALLOW BREATHING SPACE DURING WHICH AGREEMENT ON NEW FARES MIGHT BE WORKED OUT.

2. ECAC, KEMMIS TOLD US, IS TO MEET IN PARIS NOV. 2 TO DISCUSS AIR FARES. THIS MEETING (ROGERS AND BONNEY WILL ATTEND) HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME TO REVIEW AIR FARES IN GENERAL AMONG ECAC MEMBERS. IN VIEW OF IMPASSE ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARES, HOWEVER, THAT ISSUE WILL BE PRIMARY TOPIC OF DISCUSSIONS. UK EXPECTS ECAC MEMBERS WILL PRODUCE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF SHOULDER FARES WHICH ECAC PRESIDENT WILL BE DIRECTED TO SEND TO US GOVERNMENT.

3. UK HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT US PROPOSAL TO HAVE UK AIR FARE EXPERTS ACCOMPANY UK DELEGATION TO ECAC/US CHARTER MEETING IN WASHINGTON NOV. 8 AND 9. DECISION, WHICH WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL ROGERS RETURNS FROM TRIP TO INDIA AND AFTER NOV. 2 ECAC MEETING, WILL HINGE ON ISSUE OF PROVIDING COST AND REVENUE DATA THAT DEPT. AND CAB HAVE SAID IS NECESSARY IF US IS TO CONSIDER CHANGING ITS POSITION ON FARES.

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